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# Batasan blast suspect surrenders

By Nancy Carvajal and Julie M. Aurelio

THE SUSPECT-TURNED-STATE-WITNESS in last year's bombing at the House of Representatives was unhampered when he casually walked out of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group-National Capital Region (CIDG-NCR) building in Camp Crame at around 4 a.m. on Monday.

"Nobody stopped me even when I reached the main gate and until I got to

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## GMA: From now on, call them expats, not OFWs

By Christian V. Esguerra

CALL THEM "EXPATS" from now on.

President Macapagal-Arroyo suggested this term in place of Filipino migrant workers yester-

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# Teehankee release hit

## Ayala, GSIS interested in Philamlife

By Doris L. Lucas and Doris C. Dumlao

AYALA CORP., THE COUNTRY'S largest business conglomerate, is interested in acquiring Philippine American Life and General Assurance Co. (Philamlife) which has been put up for sale by its US-based parent firm.

State-owned Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) also wants a piece of the country's largest and most profitable insurer.

Independent sources indicated that Philamlife's ailing parent, American International Group (AIG), had set an initial asking price of $2 billion—approximately P95 billion at the prevailing exchange rate—for the Philamlife group of companies.

Jose L. Cuisia Jr., Philamlife president and CEO, said on Monday that there were about 18 prospective suitors for the insurance firm which, according to him, remained financially sound despite the problems that prompted its parent to seek an $85-billion bailout from the US government.

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BILIBID OR NOT Claudio Teehankee Jr. in his well-appointed prison cell at the New Bilibid Prison in Muntinlupa in this file photo taken on Feb. 18, 1999

## Parents of slain teenager outraged

By Leila B. Salaverria, Jocelyn Uy, Michael Lim Ubac and TJ Burgonio

MALACAÑANG HAS drawn fierce criticism for the midnight release of the man convicted of the killing of two young people, including a teenaged girl, on July 13, 1991.

The parents of the murdered 16-year-old Maureen Hultman expressed outrage over the release of Claudio Teehankee Jr. "We are shocked and very angry. It was out of the blue and completely unexpected," Maureen's adoptive father, Anders G. Hultman, told the Inquirer by phone from Sweden last night.

In an email to friends, Anders said: "Why this president does this only God knows." (See full letter below).

Special Prosecutor Dennis Villa-Ignacio, who led the team that put Teehankee behind bars, said the executive branch violated the rules set by the Board of Pardons and Parole in failing to inform the victims' families, the lead prosecutor and the general public of the convict's application for clemency.

"My position is that there should be more transparency and they should follow their

TEEHANKEE A4



IS ROLITO NEXT TO GO? Rolito Go in his prison cell at the New Bilibid Prison in Muntinlupa in this file photo taken on Feb. 18, 1999

## *After Claudio, will Rolito be next to go?*

By Christine O. Avendaño and Arlyn dela Cruz
Contributor

AFTER CLAUDIO TEEHANKEE JR., can Rolito Go be far behind?

Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez yesterday said Go—who was convicted of killing Eldon Maguan in a 1991 traffic altercation—was "eligible" for presidential pardon now that he had served "more than half" of his life term. Also, Gonzalez said, Maguan's family had accepted the damages ordered by the court.

Gonzalez spoke with reporters after

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## World markets steady despite banking crisis

LONDON—WORLD STOCK MARKETS stabilized on Tuesday despite further banking woes across Europe, with major Asian bourses pulling back from the brink on hopes of cuts in global interest rates.

London eased 0.15 percent in volatile late morning trade after slumping by 7.8 percent on Monday in a global markets rout.

Frankfurt dipped 0.20 percent in Tuesday trade, while Paris added 0.62 percent nearing the half-way stage. Frankfurt nose-dived 7.07 percent on Monday and Paris by 9.04 percent—the biggest one-day drop in its history.

Reports that officials of Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS), Barclays and Lloyds TSB had met with British Finance Minister Alistair Darling for a possible capital injection rocked the London stock market on Tuesday. RBS saw its share plunge by almost 40 percent during morning trade.

WORLD A6

## An angry e-mail from Anders in Stockholm

*(Editor's Note: The following is an e-mail from Anders Hultman. It has been lightly edited for clarity.)*

From: Anders G. Hultman

Date: Tue, Oct 7, 2008 at 6:03 AM

Subject: Teehankee was released Friday night

To: abukaan <mauriaguno>

Dear Friends,

Vivian and I learnt a few hours back that Claudio Teehankee Jr. had been discreetly released from jail. We are shocked, disappointed and angry.

We hear that the younger brother (Manuel) "passed by the DOJ asking for Jr.'s release. And that they agreed to his request. Raul Gonzalez even admits that's how it happened. And Villa-Ignacio points out that the DOJ now ignores its own rules.

If this is not a perfect example of how corrupt the system is so, please, give me better example! This one goes all the way to the very top.

Both Ramos and Estrada kept their hands away from Teehankee. In spite of e.g. Estrada being a family friend & neighbor in San Juan.

Why this president does this only God knows. But, as it had to be done discreetly in the night without anyone knowing or being advised about it beforehand it's obvious there's something very fishy about it.

If you have any info to this pls let us know. I have the last few hours tried to get in touch with Philippines news media, but with very limited success.

Stockholm, October 7, 2008

Anders G. Hultman

## Gov't stops registration of used cars in Port Irene

By Melvin Gascon
Inquirer Northern Luzon

BAYOMBONG, NUEVA VIZCAYA—The registration of used imported cars brought into the country through the Cagayan Economic Zone (CEZ) has been suspended.

But the importation of second-hand vehicles into the CEZ can continue although these cannot be brought out of the zone, according to an official at the free port in Santa Ana, Cagayan.

CEZ administrator Jose Mari Ponce has issued a memorandum to its Port Irene office ordering the suspension of all applications for the registration of imported used vehicles, said Ralph Roy, CEZ port operations specialist.

"We have received a memo that suspends or stops the processing [of documents] of those units that have not yet been processed by the [Land Transportation Office] or taxed by the [Bureau of Customs]," Roy said.

However, car importation can still be allowed to continue because this was not covered by the order. He has yet to receive a copy of the Bureau of Customs directive.

"The order does not stop the importation, but only the registration of the units. Shipments may still arrive but the cars cannot be registered. Hence, they cannot be brought out of the free port," Roy said.

He said that the vehicles that arrived

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## Doc says Moro war is about injustice

By Fernando del Mundo
Chief, I-Team

(last of four parts)

COTABATO CITY—DR. ABAS CANDAO SAYS friends wonder why in spite of the over 10 years he had spent in Saudi Arabia he never learned to speak fluent Arabic.

It's because, says the anesthesiologist, "I put people to sleep."

Today, the 60-year-old Candao is attempting to awaken a nation from a nightmare rooted in centuries-old resentments that erupted into a full-blown Moro separatist war four decades ago.

"They say it's just poverty and you solve poverty and there's going to be peace," says Candao, chair and CEO of the Bangsamoro

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IN THE EYES OF A CHILD Army soldiers (background) practice shooting at an Army base in Pikit, Datu Piang, Maguindanao, as children and civilians watch.

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# GMA orders contingency plan

## Recession in US could cloud RP prospects

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARROYO YESTERDAY ORdered her economic managers to draw up a contingency plan to cushion the impact on the poor and overseas workers of a possible economic recession in the United States.

### Manage inflation

### Worst-case scenario

## *Unhealthy kids? Blame it on male head of family*

### Gender factor

## No price rollback, Bayan complains

## Senate OKs Asean charter

### Atrocities in Burma

### Non-interference



# RP protests slur on Pinays in BBC comedy

## Remains of Pinay who died in KL to be repatriated

## Patajo: 90



# Deportations decongest jail at immigration

# DON'T BE MISINFORMED!

## Should you support Reproductive Health Bill No. 5043? Take this simple test and find out.

### Should these people go to jail like ordinary criminals?

1. Dr. Reyes, who refuses to insert an intra-uterine device on a 15 year old girl because of her tender age? Yes ☐ No ☐

2. Dr. Cruz, who refuses to perform a vasectomy on a patient whose wife has objected because of her desire to have children? Yes ☐ No ☐

3. Mrs. Tan, who speaks out against the law because she believes it is based on the wrong premise that life begins at implantation (when the fertilized egg attaches itself to the uterus) and not at conception (when the sperm fertilizes the egg)? Yes ☐ No ☐

4. Mr. Santos, a health care provider who refuses to give a teen-ager the 'morning after pill' (i.e., a pill that terminates possible pregnancies at its earliest stages) because he believes that amounts to abortion? Yes ☐ No ☐

5. Mrs. Ang, who refuses to provide free vasectomy and tubalization for her employees because of her belief that these procedures are against God's laws? Yes ☐ No ☐

6. Mr. Luis, who fails to provide free reproductive health services (including ligation and vasectomy) to his employees because he does not have the financial capability to do so? Yes ☐ No ☐

7. Mr. Juan, a laborer, who criticizes the law for diverting precious public funds away from his family's basic needs (such as good health care services, quality education, socialized housing, and the creation of job opportunities) and using these funds to buy contraceptives? Yes ☐ No ☐

If you answered No to any of the questions above, then you are not for Reproductive Health Bill No. 5043. Read Section 21 on Prohibited Acts and Section 22 on Penalties and learn more about this REPRESSIVE and UNDEMOCRATIC bill. It will classify Dr. Reyes, Dr. Cruz, Mrs. Tan, Dr. Santos, Mrs. Ang, Mr. Luis, Mr. Juan and many like-minded Filipinos as criminals and subject them to imprisonment for one (1) month to six (6) months and/or a fine ranging from Ten Thousand Pesos (P10,000.00) to Fifty Thousand Pesos (P50,000.00).

**Protect our families. Protect our children.**

## Dump Reproductive Health Bill No. 5043

For queries, write to: **inquiries@cfcffl.org**
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## *US Congress grills Lehman boss on excessive bonuses*

# Ayala, GSIS interested in Philamlife

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Apart from Ayala Corp. and the GSIS, only the Yuchengco group of Chinese-Filipino businessman Alfonso Yuchengco has publicly expressed interest in Philamlife.

## Interested in opportunities

Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala, chair and CEO of Ayala Corp., said what had been suspected by industry observers, but until yesterday's pronouncement escaped confirmation.

"Obviously, if there are opportunities that crop up, we will always be interested," Zobel said at the 7th Annual Management Association of the Philippines CEO Conference in Makati.

"The financial services arena has always been of great interest to us," he added. "If you look at BPI (the Bank of the Philippine Islands) and Ayala's history, [we] have over the last two or three decades been part of the consolidation that's taking place in the industry."

Ayala Corp., which is also the country's oldest industrial house, owns BPI which is the Philippine's third largest bank in terms of assets. The group also owns several insurance units.

## Exceptional institution

Zobel called AIG and Philamlife "exceptional institutions" that have "served this country for many years" even if they have fallen on hard times. "It just makes sense that the Ayala Group would be interested," he said.

Aside from life insurance, mutual funds and banking (PhilAm Savings Bank), the Philamlife group has interests in preneed plans, bancassurance, healthcare, credit cards, property and casualty insurance, property management and development as well as business process outsourcing in the Philippines.

## Looking at numbers

GSIS president Winston Garcia said the pension fund was "looking at the numbers" and studying an opportunity to invest in some of the assets of Philamlife.

Garcia said there was a need for the GSIS to explore new investments and scout for higher returns given the "limited" opportunities in the equities and even the fixed-income or bond markets.

"We're looking at the value of this company. We've made some inquiries," Garcia said in an interview with Inquirer.

## Total assets of P108 billion

Philamlife has approximately P343 billion worth of underwritten insurance contracts with an estimated one million policyholders.

Data from the Insurance Commission show that Philamlife has P108 billion in assets and a net worth of P21 billion at the end of 2007. Last year, it reported a net income of P2.56 billion, and has a total of 1,500 employees.

Garcia expects the company to sell for more than its P21-billion net worth although this will ultimately depend on the level of interest of bidders, the prevailing market conditions, as well as the urgency by which AIG needs to sell its holdings around the world to help repay its loan from the US government.

On the sidelines of the MAP conference, Brian Murray, AIG managing director for research in Asia, said the disposition of assets, including Philamlife and its affiliates, would take place in the next six to nine months.

But Murray said AIG hoped to complete the divestment "sooner rather than later."

## Joint venture or consortium

Garcia said the GSIS would not necessarily want to gobble up Philamlife lock, stock and barrel.

"We can look for a partner and we can do this through a joint venture," Garcia said. It's also possible that the GSIS would be part of a consortium that would acquire Philamlife, without having to take a majority stake.

"We don't invest in companies to manage them," he said. "We prefer a passive role."

Garcia said Philamlife or some of its subsidiaries would fit with GSIS interest in reinsurance. For instance, the GSIS has a stake in publicly listed National Reinsurance Corp. of the Philippines (PhilNare) where Garcia sits as chair.

PhilNare is a professional reinsurance firm providing life and nonlife reinsurance to the Philippine and neighboring insurance markets. It underwrites several major business lines such as fire, marine and aviation, casualty, and life.

## Selling at premium

But Garcia said the GSIS would not bid if AIG's asking price were too high.

Garcia said the sale of Philamlife would likely fetch a premium or a price tag higher than book value. The group has a net worth of about P21 billion.

"I'm not sure if they can still sell at a premium at this kind of global economy," Garcia said.

Asked how much the GSIS was willing to shell out for Philamlife, Garcia said it would all depend on the opportunity.



THE PHILAMLIFE building on United Nations Avenue in Manila

Yesterday, separate sources revealed that AIG had set its asking price for Philamlife at $2 billion, which is roughly equivalent to twice the local insurer's book value—the amount that is left when subtracting liabilities and "intangibles" from its asset base.

The sources explained that the price represented the initial bargaining position of AIG, but added that this would likely be negotiated down, given the prevailing market conditions and the cash under which the parent firm has to dispose of assets to repay its loan from the US government.

Other entities seen by analysts as keen on Philamlife were San Miguel Corp., any of the country's Chinese-Filipino tycoons Henry Sy, John Gokongwei or George Ty, and global insurance firms with local operations—Sun Life of Canada, Manufacturers Life Insurance Co. (Manulife) and British financial giant Prudential PLC.

## Corporate mergers

Over the past two decades, the GSIS has been quite a catalyst in Philippine corporate merger deals even before Garcia took the helm of the pension fund.

Along with the Social Security System, the GSIS provided financial muscle that allowed the Go family's much-smaller Equitable Bank to acquire PCI Bank in the 1990s.

Under Garcia's term, the GSIS and SSS also played a big role in wresting the Go family from the merged Equitable PCI Bank and in sealing the takeover of the bank by retail tycoon Henry Sy's Banco de Oro Unibank Inc.

Garcia recently became controversial for his calls to reform the Lopezes' management of utility firm Manila Electric Co., and was accused of orchestrating a government takeover.

# Batasan blast suspect surrenders to QC judge



BACK IN CUSTODY Ikram Indama (left), accompanied by Senior Supt. Magtanggol Gatdula in Camp Karingal is back in the custody of the police after escaping from Camp Crame on Monday. Indama is the suspect-turned-state-witness in the Batasan Pambansa bombing 11 months ago that killed six people, including Rep. Wahab Akbar.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

## No inkling

## No involvement

## Bonding

# SC upholds amparo for Manalo brothers

By Norman S. Bordadora

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## Roadmap to development

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## Loyalty to our people

# DOH told to go after China milk traders

By Christian V. Esguerra

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-Arroyo yesterday ordered the Department of Health to go after retailers that continue to violate the ban on the sale of milk and milk products coming from China.

"The President wants to make sure that the full force of the law is enforced," health secretary Francisco Duque said in a press conference in Malacañang following a four-hour Cabinet meeting.

Duque said both the Department of Health and the Bureau of Food and Drugs would "close down stores that continue to violate the ban order."

"These are our marching orders from the President," he told reporters.

Ms Arroyo was briefed on the government's efforts to ensure that local consumers are protected from melamine-contaminated food products.

**Positive**

Of 38 products tested by BFAD, two—Greenfood Yili Fresh Milk and Mengniu Drink—were found to contain melamine, an industrial chemical that causes kidney stones.

Duque also told the President about their plan to seek the help of the Chinese government in getting compensation for local importers from the manufacturers of the tainted products.

"It's just proper for them to get some kind of compensation for whatever losses they incurred on account of the melamine scare," he said.

All China-made milk products are banned, except for the 28 products that have already been cleared. A second batch of test results are expected to be released today.

Duque said melamine-contaminated products would be destroyed.

Duque reiterated that products other than milk might also be laced with the dangerous substance. He said the DOH would examine findings of a private laboratory that reportedly found melamine in some other food products.

**Smuggled**

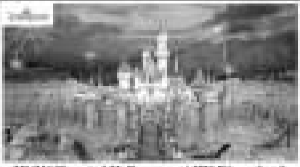
Meanwhile, Customs Commissioner Napoleon Morales said inspectors yesterday that they would investigate reports that the two milk brands found to contain melamine were smuggled into the country.

"We still need to establish that the milk products were smuggled. Who imported it? Who was it? Milk is a regulated item," Morales said.

He added that milk products are required to get a clearance or registration papers from BFAD before it is released from Customs.

Morales was responding to claims by Sen. Miriam Defensor Santiago that it was the Customs bureau that was to blame for the entry of milk tainted with melamine, which reportedly sickened Pinoys.









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Be reassured that Philamlife is strong and well-capitalized with net worth of Php 49.5 Billion (as of December 31, 2007) and with over Php 170 Billion in assets - more than sufficient to secure your family's future. The financial issues pertaining to our parent company, AIG, do not affect our ability to pay claims and underwrite new policies.

As required by Philippine regulations, the bulk of Philamlife's investments are in marketable Philippine government securities, prime local corporate bonds and a small percentage in blue chip stocks. This ensures that your policies are safe and fully backed up by the financial strength of Philamlife.

AIG announced that it will refocus the company on its core property and casualty insurance business to repay its loan from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. AIG further announced its intention to sell a range of companies and assets. The Philippine American Life Insurance Company has been identified for possible divestment along with some of Philamlife's affiliates.

Philamlife is a crown jewel of AIG and has built excellent brand equity being the only financial institution in the country with the distinction of five Platinum Trusted Brand awards. This makes Philamlife a very attractive company.

AIG is seeking top-rated, financially strong brand names with the capability to continue Philamlife's legacy of leadership, strength, stability and dedication to its policyholders, employees, agents, partners, shareholders, and other stakeholders.

As we continue this process, we will focus on the daily execution of our business and continue to provide our customers and distributors with the highest level of service. Please be assured that we will continue to work with the regulatory authorities to ensure that the divested assets will remain financially sound. We will continue to write new business and remain committed to meeting customers' needs.

JOSE L. CUISIA, JR.
President & CEO

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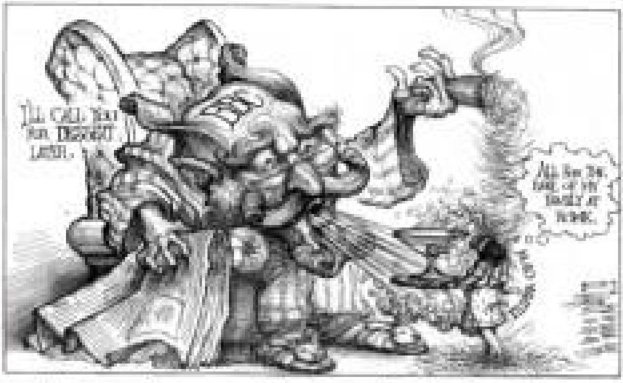
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# Text senders won't be taxed, only the telcos

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# Where corruption is leading Filipino nation

—LIONILO G.M. RIVAL

# Days of 'hoodlums in robes' come to mind again

# Accent on AIDS betrays DOH's garbled priorities

# Raise qualifications of congressional bets

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# Worried mom visits Philamlife to get money, comes out reassured

By Erlan C. Teodoro Jr.

# Gov't stops registration …

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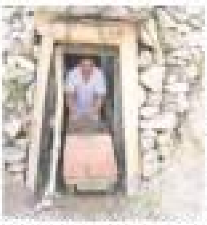
# Gold glitters for small-scale miners

By Delmar Cariño
Itogon, Benguet

THE GLITTER OF GOLD is driving Benguet's small-scale miners into the bowels of the earth. And as long as the rocks glow with ore, the miners will be there, mucking the dark, dank and dangerous tunnels with chisels and hammers.



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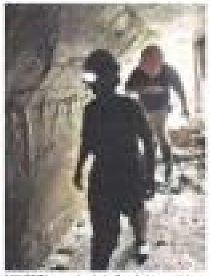


ONE AT A TIME Leoncio Nany, an official of the Benguet Federation of Small-Scale Miners, says tunnels explored by pocket miners could only accommodate one man at a time.

## Difficult, challenging

But even gold is not forever. The veins miners trace inside tunnels can also reach a dead end

## Not forever



MINERS brave the dark, flooded tunnels in Itogon, Benguet, to save their colleagues trapped underground.

# These men won't hesitate to save trapped miners

FOR VOLUNTEERS who worked day and night for 11 days to get 16 small-scale miners out of an abandoned mine tunnel in Itogon, Benguet, it's all about saving lives no matter how difficult the task can be.

## Hardest

# Across the NATION

# Court tells military to produce 2 rebels

By Carla P. Gomez
Inquirer Visayas

BACOLOD CITY—THE KABANKALAN REGIONAL Trial Court issued on Monday issued a writ of amparo directing the Army and the police to present on Thursday two of the three suspected New People's Army rebels who were captured on Sept. 24.

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# 3-year extension of Mt. Banahaw closure pushed

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## No policemen at night in Jolo

# Noli plays coy; Dick joins 2010 race

By Cynthia D. Balana and Michael Lim Ubac

NOT YET.

Vice President Noli de Castro yesterday said he had no plans to join any political party, saying partisan politics should take a back seat in times of global financial crisis.

De Castro was reacting to the statement of House Deputy Majority Leader Neptali Gonzales II, a stalwart of the ruling Lakas party, who said the former should choose his political party announce whether he was running for president or seeking reelection as vice president in 2010.

"I have the highest respect for the Lakas and Kampi parties. However, I believe it is not yet time for me to engage in partisan politics," De Castro said.

He said Filipinos should unite, work hard and direct their efforts toward alleviating the economy which is being battered by the adverse effects of the financial turmoil hitting the United States.

## 'Villar's running mate'

Reports quoting Gonzales said there were speculations that De Castro would be the running mate of Senate President Manuel Villar Jr., who has declared his intention to run for the presidency in 2010 under the Nacionalista Party, of which he is also president. (Under the Constitution, De Castro is eligible to run for reelection.)

De Castro is also close to Villar since both of them belonged to the so-called Wednesday Club in the Senate.

However, De Castro does not belong to any political party. In 2004, Lakas adopted him when he agreed to be the running mate of President Arroyo.

Among Lakas members, only Bayani Fernando, chair of the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) has offered to run for the presidency. Lakas has not taken him up on his offer.

## Gordon for president

Meanwhile, Sen. Richard Gordon yesterday threw his hat into the ring via this press statement: "Gordon has remained open to clamor for him by some sectors to seek the presidency come the May 2010 elections."

The senator hinted he could change his mind but did not say if he was willing to run as Vice President.

With the global financial meltdown, Gordon said the country needed "a strong leader" to improve the country.

"The next President should be able to offer to the Filipino electorate a proven track record of competence, solid integrity and can be relied upon during times of national crisis," he said.

More than money and the political machinery, Gordon said a presidential candidate, or any candidate for national or local post, should have the qualities of a strong leader to improve the country and the citizenry.

"The next President of this nation should possess the traits of a strong and competent leader to be able to put to the front burner the need to uplift our people from their suffering and to provide them with the dignity they deserve," he added.



**PALACE CALLER**

Who knows who Agriculture Secretary Arthur Yap is doing with his cellular phone in Malacañang under the portrait of his boss, President Macapagal-Arroyo? He is actually waiting for the start of yesterday's Cabinet group meeting.

# RP misses poverty goals due to inflation

RISING FOOD AND FUEL PRICES have eroded initial gains made by the Philippines in achieving its Millennium Development Goals of reducing poverty and hunger by 2015, officials said yesterday.

The Philippines was also likely to miss its goals of reducing maternal deaths due to pregnancy and providing universal access to primary education and reproductive health services, three of eight indicators to reduce poverty by 50 percent by 2015.

About 190 countries across the world signed a declaration in September 2000 to improve education and health services, protect the environment and cut global hunger by half within 15 years.

"The Philippines has done quite well, but is facing questions marks especially in poverty reduction," said Suneeta Mukherjee of the United Nations Population Fund, adding there had been some reverses in poverty reduction due to rising inflation.

The country's annual inflation rate rose to 12.5 percent in August, the highest in 17 years, due to soaring prices of food and fuel. In September, it fell back to 11.8 percent. *Reuters*

Aplus METRO

# Suspected cybersex den raided in Las Piñas




**CUTTING EDGE**
A barber shop on Scout Borromeo Street in Quezon City takes its name from popular cartoon character Felix the Cat.

## Videos of nudes shown to clients, says NBI

By Tina G. Santos

AGENTS OF THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF INvestigation yesterday raided an Internet cafe in Las Piñas City believed to be operating as a cybersex den.

### DID YOU KNOW

# 3 alleged robbers killed in shootout with Quezon City police

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Teachers have educated, inspired, and helped us develop into the people we are today. What better way to repay them than by dedicating one whole day of fun activities for them and their best students?

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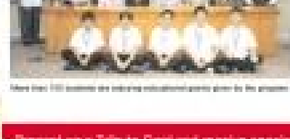
The Gabay Guro Program aims to support and honor teachers through scholarship grants and English proficiency and computer literacy training programs. Through this program, PLDT supports the Department of Education's goal of improving the quality of education in the country. It is their way of giving back to the people who dedicated their lives for us: our teachers.













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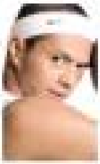
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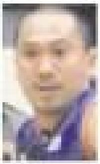
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# Peter 'strips' Klitschko of title



GIMME THAT Samuel Peter snatches the WBC belt from Vitali Klitschko as they pose for photographers.

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By Amy R. Remo

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## TNT offers low-cost service

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# Lopez holding firm sees ₱2B in forex loss this year

By Elizabeth Sanchez-Lacson

LOPEZ-CONTROLLED POWER AND infrastructure holding firm First Philippine Holdings Corp. said it would likely book ₱2 billion in foreign exchange losses this year due to the weakening of the peso against the dollar.

To address debt maturity concerns and avoid getting caught in a tight credit situation arising from the global financial turmoil, First Holdings' First Generation Corp. and subsidiary First Gas are negotiating with banks for the refinancing of some $700 million in debt. They are also pushing ahead with the sale of 40 percent of Red Vulcan Holdings Corp., which holds a 60-percent stake in PNOC Energy Development Corp. First Gen owns 100 percent of Red Vulcan.

FPHC's foreign exchange losses reached P4.5 billion in the first half as the peso fell to 46 to a dollar from 41 at the start of the year.

The losses, however, are seen to decline toward the end of this year with the expected strengthening of the peso during the period.

"The forecast is the peso will strengthen toward the end of this year or sometime next year, but I doubt it would again reach the 41-42 to $1 level," FPHC president Elpidio Ibañez said at the sidelines of the Management Association of the Philippines CEO Conference yesterday.

Ibañez said First Gen was in talks with three potential investors who would hopefully buy up to 40 percent of Red Vulcan.

"The money that will go to Red Vulcan will be used to pay debts falling due in May and the excess will go to First Gen to be used to pay bridge loans worth $400 million due in November," he said.

He added that the Lopez Group had received proposals to acquire its Brandonguan hydroelectric power complex in Nueva Ecija. One of the interested parties, he said, was geothermal power producer Energy Development Corp., which is also majority owned Lopez company.

"Credit markets are frozen but it's not that there isn't any money. There's plenty of money. In fact, the local banks are pretty liquid. It's just that people want to hold on to their cash, because they are afraid to lend. It's precisely why we decided to sell the tollroad business," Ibañez said.

FPHC and parent Benpres Holdings Corp. sold their stake in the toll road business for P12.2 billion to Metro Pacific Investment Corp.

MPIC is a unit of Hong Kong-based First Pacific Co. Ltd.

# Geograce net loss down to ₱54M

By Amy R. Remo

MINING FIRM Geograce Resources Phil. Inc. yesterday said it posted a P54.1 million net loss in the first semester, an improvement from a net loss of P86.2 million in the same period last year.

In a disclosure to the Philippine Stock Exchange, Geograce said this could be attributed to the reduction in its exploration expenses.

Geograce said that after gathering sufficient geological and exploration data on several structures, it had shifted its focus on dividing the company's assets by entering into joint venture and joint exploration agreements with major international mining companies.

The company has entered into separate agreements with seven companies, such as Nihao Mineral Resources International Inc., Pegasus Philippines Inc., Oreo Mindanao Inc., Mindanaororo Mining Inc., Malabundao Mines Inc., Ophiolite Mining Inc. and Minimore Philippines Inc.

It had also entered into an exploration and option agreement with Vale Exploration Philippines Inc., the local subsidiary of Companhia Vale do Rio Doce, the second largest mining company in the world and also one of the largest logistics operators in Brazil.

In the meantime, Geograce said the losses incurred during the period were due to exploration costs, professional fees, depreciation of property and equipment.

# GSIS law on foreign investments

QUESTIONS OF POLICIES

*Romulo C. General*

IN VIEW OF THE US FINANCIAL CRISIS, the poor and jittery members of the GSIS have every right to know what is happening to the $400 million of their hard-earned money invested abroad under the much-ballyhooed Global Investment Program.

Instead, the GSIS feeds its members with bits and pieces of information. First, it was announced that the GSIS had no money in Lehman. Later, it said it had no exposure to AIG.

Last Monday, the papers quoted Winston Garcia as saying the fund's foreign investment was earning 5 percent. But, did not GSIS announce a year ago, when the GIP was launched, that the investment was guaranteed to earn at least 8 percent? More shocking is that 5 percent is below what is required to maintain the actuarial soundness of the GSIS. In other words, this is a losing proposition for the members.

By the way, why did the GSIS not send any representative to the Senate hearing called precisely to discuss the possible effects of the US financial crisis on the local financial sector? What was there to hide?

The rules and regulations implementing the GSIS law of 1997 (RA 8291) specify how, in general, funds should be invested: "Section 15.3.1—The funds of the GSIS which are not needed to meet current obligations may be invested under such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Board (of Trustees): Provided, that investments shall satisfy the requirements of liquidity, safety/security and yield in order to ensure the actuarial solvency of the funds of the GSIS: Provided, further, that the GSIS shall submit to both Houses of Congress of the Philippines an annual report on all investments made [underscoring mine]."

When was the last time the GSIS submit a report on all its investments here and abroad?

Investing funds abroad is covered by Section 15.3.6—Specifically, the funds of the GSIS may be invested in the following: x x x (11) foreign mutual funds and foreign currency deposits or foreign currency denominated debts, issued in accordance with existing laws of the countries where such financial instruments are issued: Provided, that these instruments or assets are listed in the bourses of the respective countries where these instruments or assets are issued: Provided, further, that the issuing company has proven a track record of profitability over the last three years and payment of dividends at least once during the same period."

Have the foregoing conditions been followed under the GIP?

Finally, one of the functions of the board is specified in "Section 16.2.18—To submit annually not later than June 30, a public report to the President of the Philippines and the Congress of the Philippines regarding the activities in the administration and enforcement of RA8291 during the preceding year, including information and recommendations on broad policies for the development and perfection of the programs of the GSIS."

Because of the gravity of the financial crisis abroad, which may have affected that $400 million investment, should not the GSIS make a report to the President of the Philippines and the Congress of the Philippines now?

By the way, how come the complete and duly certified terms and conditions of the foreign investment contracts have never been made public? Are the numerous national security matters that have to be kept under wraps, away from the prying eyes of lowly government employees?

But the biggest question of all is: Why doesn't the GSIS come clean, as required by law?

Confession is good for the soul. And a public confession, with regulation sanctions and solace, discovers even more.

# MBC acquires WRocK 96.3

MANILA BROADCASTING COMPANY HAS acquired FM band radio station "WRocK 96.3" for P229.6 million.

In a disclosure to the Philippine Stock Exchange, MBC said it signed on Oct. 3 an agreement to buy from ACWS-United Broadcasting Network Inc. and Exodus Broadcasting Co., owners of DWRK, more popularly known as 96.3 WRocK, the FM band radio station.

The acquisition is expected to boost MBC's audience share and advertising revenues.

Already the home of the two highest rating stations on the FM band—90.7 Love Radio and 101.1 Yes FM—MBC now aims to carve a niche in the youth market of the A and B income classes who favor light rock music. DWRK was named Best FM Station in the 2008 Golden Dove Awards.

A member of the Fred J. Elizalde Group of Companies, MBC is also home to the country's oldest radio station, DZRB, and cable TV channel DZRH Radyo Vision, which is a partnership between MBC and CableTV of Infocom Technologies Inc., a subsidiary of Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co.

MBC said the acquisition will be funded by internally generated cash and loans secured from various banks. About 20 percent of the P229.6 million will be held in escrow for release upon full compliance with documentary requirements for the transfer of ownership of the station.

The PSE has suspended the trading of MBC shares since Monday pending disclosure of the terms and conditions of the deal.

MBC was incorporated on June 12, 1946. *Elizabeth Sanchez-Lacson*

# Gov't rejects bids for 7-yr T-bonds

By Michelle V. Remo

THE GOVERNMENT REJECTED ALL bids for the seven-year treasury bonds yesterday, as banks sought higher interest rates in view of the volatility in the global financial markets.

Had the Bureau of the Treasury's auction committee accepted the bids, the interest rate on the seven-year borrowings could hit 7.900 percent, up by 91.1 basis points from the previous rate of 7.189 percent.

National Treasurer Roberto Tan said the auction committee found the market's demand for higher rates unreasonable.

Tan said treasury bond rates should be lower as the inflation rate slowed down in September and with the central bank's policy rates kept unchanged.

Inflation slowed down to 11.9 percent in September from 12.5 percent in August, as prices of fuel and selected food items dropped during the period.

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas kept its borrowing and lending rates at 6 and 8 percent during the Monetary Board meeting on Monday.

"Despite some positive news, the market still sought higher rates. Maybe they [dealers of government securities and their clients] wanted a risk due [to] the turmoil in the international market," Tan told yesterday in a briefing after the auction.

Bids in yesterday's auction reached P9.963 billion, higher than the debt offering of P6 billion.

The auction is the first government securities offering in the fourth quarter.

Despite the failed auction, the Treasurer said the government had enough liquidity to meet its domestic expenditure requirements.

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## G7 seen unable to deal with crisis

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## Government seeks to add ₱20B to its 2009 borrowing program

# MOTORING



PANASONIC Toyota F1 car is operated by a team of 32 diverse nationalities



BRAKES are one of the elements which offer the biggest difference between a Formula 1 car and road car.

NO PINOY YET

# Diverse races in a young racing team

Text and photos by Tessa R. Salazar

TEAM PANASONIC TOYota Racing, which joined F1 racing in 2002, is proud to be called the "United Nations of Formula 1." And they deserve the moniker, boasting 32 nationalities in its roster—the most in any F1 team.

Alasdair Moffitt of Toyota Motorsport GmbH in Germany confirmed the number and the moniker. He also told Inquirer Motoring that, as yet, there's no Filipino in the team.

He shared his team's sentiment: "In its challenge to succeed at the top, the team has from the very beginning embraced the international nature of the sport and can truly claim to be a global effort."

## Strong roots

He added that Toyota has strong roots not only in two countries, but in two continents, thanks to its home in Cologne, Germany and its parent company Toyota Motor Corp. in Japan. Between them, he said, is an "incredible 32 nationalities, united in their passion to succeed."

For Panasonic Toyota Racing, each individual brings unique skills and the exotic mix of nationalities adds a wealth of different experience and viewpoints, which enhance the team's potential even at a young age.

"We scored a point in our first race in 2002. Our best result has been second place, which we have achieved three times (twice in 2005 and once this year in Hungary with Timo Glock). As a team we want to win and we are frustrated that we have not achieved this yet, but experience is vital in Formula 1 and we are a relatively young team," Moffitt told this writer.

For a Japanese-owned team based in Germany, it is no surprise to find plenty of Japanese and German staff. But then how many teams can boast of staff from Togo and Poland, managers from Brazil and mechanics from South Korea?

## Learn about cultures

Sebastien Akakpo from Togo, who works in the lifting department of the test team, summed up the feeling when he said, "It is an opportunity to learn more about other cultures. I am very proud of being here."

And long before Polish driver Robert Kubica made his Grand Prix debut, Toyota Panasonic Racing's Bartek Bartoszewicz was already playing his part as an "engine whisperer" of sorts, working in the engine department and monitoring data and telemetry at the track so the team knows every element of the engine's performance, on every second of every lap. "It's certainly a very colorful mix," he said of the team. "But we have developed a strong sense of unity even if we speak different languages. We have really formed a family."

Oh yes, the language. In the day-to-day life of a multinational team, English is used by all team members, but sometimes you'll hear, at the factory and the track, team members "speaking in tongues," as it were, whenever it takes to communicate best with the universally understood language of a Toyota F1 engine perfectly roaring along.

# Drivers, engineers have say in the outcome





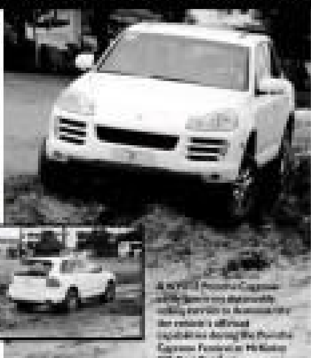
# The new Forester

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# Porsche Cayenne festival ends run at McKinley Hill





# Keeping rivals at bay

Text and photos by Charles E. Buban



THE NEW Fortuner's styling is pure SUV



MORE sporty look and luxurious interior appointments for the 2009 Innova



MEANER look for the new Hilux

## Optimized

## Tide over

## Latest edition

## Refreshed look

## Most luxurious

# Nat Geo rides Japan's ultimate racer



IN THE YOKOHAMA Engine Plant, Nissan's futuristic GT-R is carefully crafted by specially selected technicians.



SOPHISTICATION and efficiency make Nissan's GT-R the ultimate racer.

## New icon

## Creative, marketing aspect

## Opinions, insights

# The audacity of the BMW X6

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BMW'S i-Drive and super high-tech gear shift lever



THE BACK seat of the X6 is for two people only



SPACIOUS cargo area at the back of the BMW X6

## Limited

## Powerful






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AUDACIOUS: The BMW X6 is the world's first Sports Activity Coupe.

# The audacity of the BMW X6



THE 3.0-LITER, 6-in-line, 306-hp engine of the X6 xDrive 35i



THE BMW X6 cockpit is predominantly high-tech.

**ON THE ROAD**



*Aida Sevilla-Mendoza*

BMW'S CHIEF DESIGNER CHRIS BANGLE has done it again: created a vehicle that has the audacity to be controversial. The BMW X6 immediately polarizes people by its looks alone. An athletic but massive 4-door fastback behemoth weighing 5,000 pounds, BMW's newest crossover SUV strikes some as ugly while others see it as a modern work of art in sheet metal.

Many people seeing the X6 for the first time just ... stare, either with admiration or with dislike. That BMW heralds the X6 as the world's first Sport Activity Coupe adds to the controversy since a coupe by definition has only two doors while the X6 has four. It matters little that the X6 has a very fastback roofline that makes it look coupe-like.

Once its head-turning design is overlooked, however, the X6 stops polarizing and starts unifying car enthusiasts with performance and handling characteristics that live up to its BMW pedigree. Powered by a 3.0-liter, inline-6, twin-turbocharged engine developing 306 hp and 400 Newton meters of torque matched to a 6-speed automatic transmission with manual shift capability via steering wheel-mounted paddle shifters, the BMW X6 xDrive 35i sprints to 100 kilometers per hour in 6.7 seconds.

## Physics

Despite its 2.2-ton heft, the X6 I test drove over four days last month seemingly defied the laws of physics as it accelerated quickly and nimbly handling like a sport sedan with a smooth linear surge of power, thanks to BMW's combination of twin turbo technology and high-precision direct fuel injection system. When negotiating corners, the X6 stayed flat with minimal body lean and the steering remaining firm. The 6-speed AT rapidly and seamlessly changed gears. There are three driving modes available: normal, Sport and manual. At low speeds such as below 30 kph, however, the steering felt heavy and parallel parking maneuvers demanded some muscular effort.

I discovered that reversing into a parking slot is also tricky since rearward visibility is poor due to the tiny, flat rear window uncovered by the swooping roofline. Moreover, the X6's rear hips monopolize the view from

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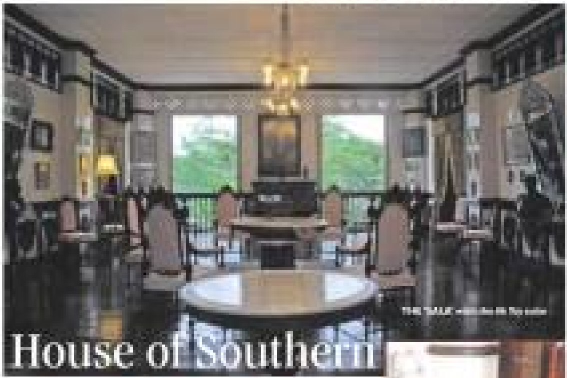
LIFESTYLE Home & Entertaining

# House of Southern graciousness

By Adrian V. Lizares
Contributor

## The 125-year-old Balay ni Tana Dicang in Negros Occidental, is now a lifestyle museum





# House of Southern graciousness







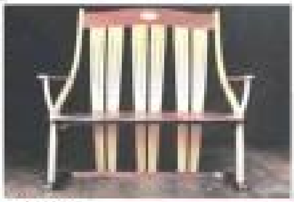






# 'Woodworks' by Benji Reyes













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## Flower arrangement workshop

## How to be a hip warrior...




# How to be a hip warrior for the environment

CAN YOU BE COOL AND GREEN?

Young people who worry that caring for the environment will make them uncool may want to get the new United Nations YouthXchange Training kit, designed to promote sustainable consumption patterns among young consumers worldwide.

Produced by the UN Environment Program (Unep) and the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Unesco), the updated guide has a chapter on how the youth can bet[illegible] their goal to dress fashionably without forgetting that their consumption patterns will have an impact on the environment, particularly the threat of climate change.

Gabriele Montero, a Unep Tunza youth adviser, said the kit, which is now only on its second edition, "provides us with content that we are able to convey to other young people, empowering them to make different choices in their daily lives and be actors of change."

The Unep Tunza Program seeks to engage and involve young people through networks creation, information exchange, capacity-building and involving them in environmental decision-making processes globally and in the regions.

The kit acknowledges the fact that young people "establish their identities through what they buy and seek social inclusion by purchasing the desired and 'coolest' products in the market." But, without proper guidance, their choices can contribute to problems such as ozone depletion, climate change and the accumulation of hazardous wastes.

The training kit was first issued in 2002 by Unep's Division of Technology, Industry and Economics (DTIE) and Unesco. It provides statistics, case studies, games, examples of companies going greener and alternatives for more sustainable lifestyles.

The latest edition includes the following features: a clear link between consumption patterns and climate change, a more substantial e-waste section, updated data and scientific information and two new chapters: one on the UN Decade on Education for Sustainable Development and one on fashion, a major economic activity that also exacts a heavy environmental price.

In a press statement, Achim Steiner, UN undersecretary general and Unep executive director, noted that the youth's purchasing patterns, life-style choices and networks with schools and universities to clubs, the music scene and sports could influence the wider world. Young people could help encourage communities, companies and countries to support a new UN climate change deal to be concluded in the Copenhagen UN Climate Change Conference in 2009.

Koichiro Matsuura, Unesco director general, added, "Buying a product, whatever it is, is never a neutral act for the environment: its production, its use and the management of the waste it generates, all impact—to a greater or lesser degree—on our planet."

**THE CONSUMER**
Linda B. Bolido

YouthXchange has been translated in 19 languages and is available in a bilingual (French and English) website—www.youthxchange.net.

For the 2008 YouthXchange version, visit http://www.youthxchange.net/tools/[illegible] guide.asp.

### Books for peace

Amirah [illegible], former business reporter, and his wife Nearon put up recently a halal food business in Metro Manila—[illegible] House in SM Fairview Food Court, Quezon City, and [illegible] del Pilar corner Pedro Gil, Ermita, Manila—as a modest attempt to bridge the gap between Christians and Muslims.

The Nerons are an excellent example of how seemingly major differences can be overcome. He is a Christian from Cordillera, and she is a Muslim Tausug from Sulu.

They hoped that by introducing non-Muslims to exotic Muslim food, they could generate an appreciation and understanding for the often misunderstood religion and culture.

With the recent outbreak of war in Mindanao, the couple decided they should do more than just offer Muslim food. What they have come up with is the Books 4 Peace project.

"We plan to flood Mindanao with used and new books, magazines and all kinds of reading materials to open up the eyes of young Christians and Muslims there to the reality that they have a better future picking up a book than a gun," the Nerons said.

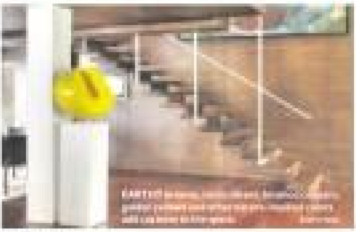
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# Showcase of maverick sophistication



The house of builder Pablo Calma is the lone Philippine entry to the 'Phaidon Atlas of Contemporary World Architecture'

By Margo C. Enriquez
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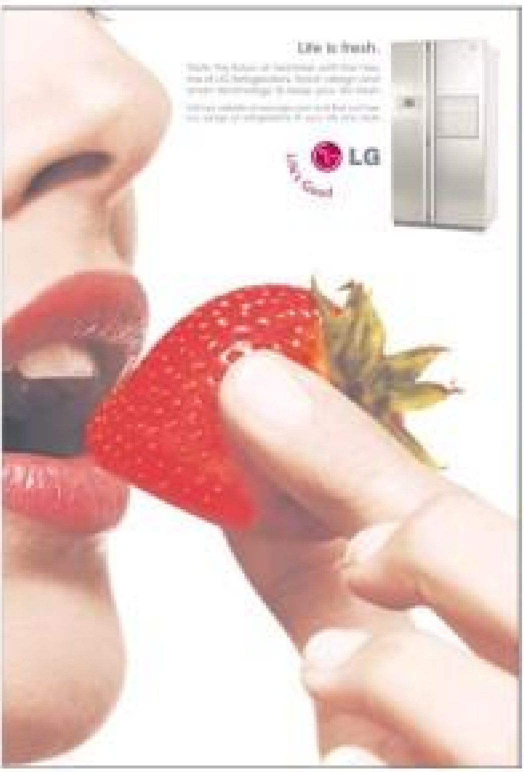
AS THE LONE PHILIPPINE entry to the "Phaidon Atlas of Contemporary World Architecture," the house of builder Pablo Calma is not only lauded for its sophisticated style, but also for the way it goes against conventions of local architecture in the city—such as having high fences and living with lots of accumulations.

The urban-chic style is credited to his nephew, architect Eduardo Calma, who undertook the renovation.

The house stands on the corner lot of a Makati village that eschews fences. The ren-

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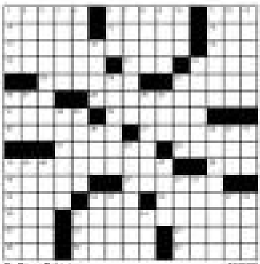



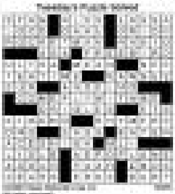



# Comic Relief




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**HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU**

Answer to previous puzzle

















# Colorful sights of Bangkok











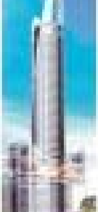




WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

*Maurice Arcache*





## Imperial Boat House Hotel

## Eco Safari





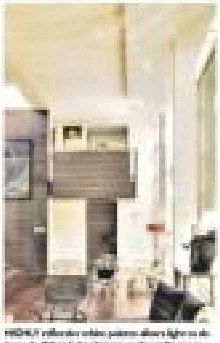






# Showcase of maverick sophistication







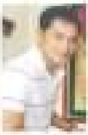
# ENTERTAINMENT

## 'Survivor' spoiler alert

By Marinel R. Cruz

SURVIVOR, E4

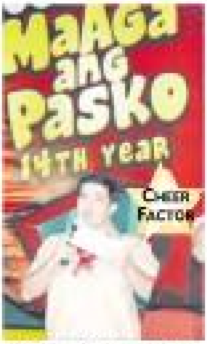
**INSIDE**



■ Which TV host roots for Rushes?
Rushes/E2

■ Who did Bubay bond with in Sydney?
Dollywood /E6




"SCOUT master" Aga Muhlach during the press launch of this year's "Magpasko"

## Goodwill, nationwide

By Cora Lucas

WHAT STARTED AS A SIMple Christmas toy and book campaign has transformed into a national gift-giving movement.



SHE'S 16
Singer Miley "Hannah Montana" Cyrus performs at the "Miley's Sweet 16 Share the Celebration" party at Disneyland Anaheim, California, on Oct. 1.



# A successful transition to young-adult performer

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

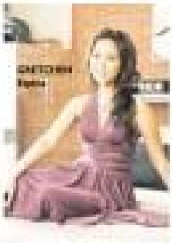


#### 60th Emmy Awards

#### NYC acting workshop

# In this corner, Jojo Alejar





RUSHES

#### Pinoy Idol, homeowner

#### Minister Santana

#### Top of the talk shows

## AT THE CINEMAS

| Cinema | | | | |
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| GLORIETTA 1 | 1 TROPIC THUNDER | 2 BODY OF LIES | 3 EAGLE EYE | 4 KULAM |
| GLORIETTA 4 | 1 EAGLE EYE | 2 KULAM | 3 BODY OF LIES | |
| | 4 MIRRORS | 5 IGOR | 6 TROPIC THUNDER | 7 BURIED ALIVE |
| GREENBELT 1 | 1 TROPIC THUNDER | 2 BODY OF LIES | | |
| GREENBELT 3 | 1 PELIKULA : 7TH SPANISH FILM FESTIVAL | 2 BODY OF LIES | | |
| | 3 IGOR | 4 EAGLE EYE | 5 TROPIC THUNDER | |
| ALABANG TOWN CENTER | 1 BODY OF LIES | 2 TROPIC THUNDER | | |
| | 3 IGOR | 4 KULAM | 5 EAGLE EYE | |
| AYALA CENTER CEBU | 1 BODY OF LIES | 2 TROPIC THUNDER | 3 [illegible] | 4 BIG STAR |
| MARKET! MARKET! | 1 BODY OF LIES | 2 IGOR | | |
| | 3 BURIED ALIVE | 4 TROPIC THUNDER | 5 EAGLE EYE | |
| TRINOMA | 1 KULAM | 2 BURIED ALIVE | 3 MIRRORS | 4 IGOR |
| | 5 EAGLE EYE | 6 TROPIC THUNDER | 7 BODY OF LIES | |

## AT THE MALLS

Glorietta

Greenbelt

Alabang Town Center

Ayala Center Cebu

Market! Market!

Ayala Museum

TriNoma

# Spielberg 'divorces' Paramount

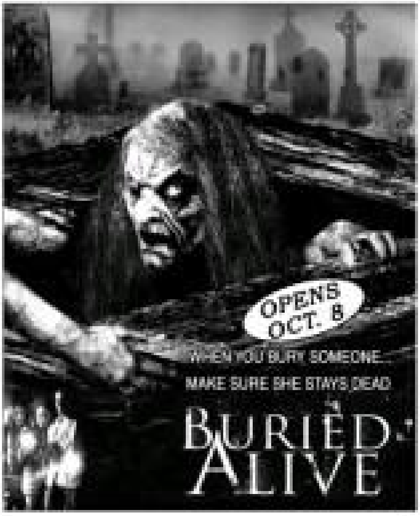
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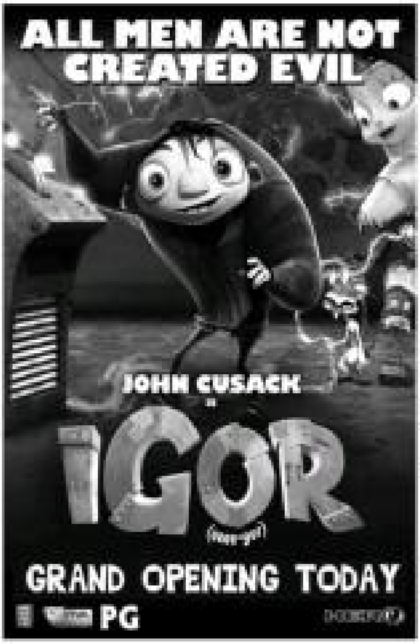
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### 21 movies

# In this . . .













# Goodwill, nationwide



## 'Survivor' . . .




# Pink's 'So What' tops UK pop charts

LONDON—AMERICAN SINGER Pink has toppled Kings of Leon from the peak of the British pop charts with her single "So What," the Official UK Charts Company said on Sunday.

Tennessee rockers Kings of Leon slid to second place after a three-week reign with "Sex on Fire," but had the consolation of seeing their "Only by the Night" top the album sales listings for a second week.

Manchester rock band Oasis were the highest new singles entry at number three with "The Shock of the Lightning," taken from their album "Dig Out Your Soul."

All Female trio the Sugababes went four places higher at number four with "Girls."

Also new at number five was "Sees You Anyway" from reformed Irish boy band Boyzone.

In the album charts Pop Idol winner Will Young was one of four new entries in the top 10 with "Let It Go" starting at number two.

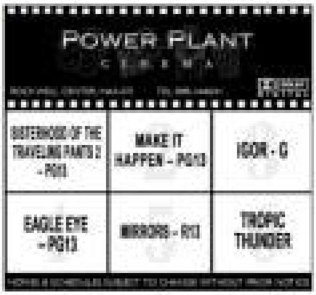
English singer James Morrison's "Songs For You, Truths For Me" debuted at number three, while Scottish sopranos Andrew Johnston was new in fourth place with "One Voice."

American blues singer Seasick Steve was the final new entry at number nine with his album "I Started Out With Nothin' and I Still Got Most of It Left." Reuters



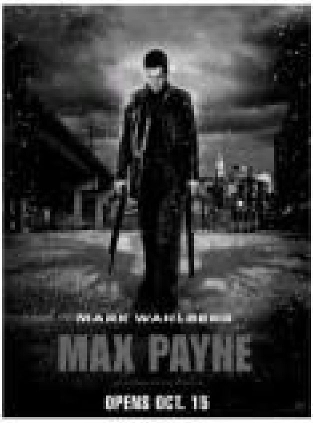












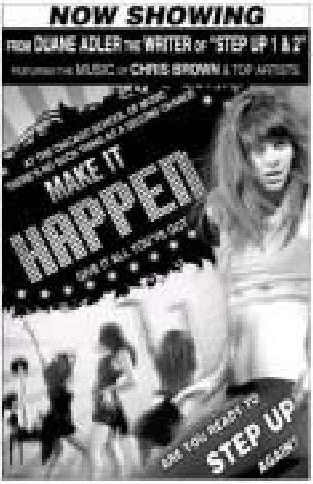















# Cesar Montano bonds with son Diego

DOLLY WOOD

*Dolly Anne Carvajal*



### Back to work

### Adopted children

### MVP

### Back-to-back concert



RIHANNA and Chris Brown







MARK Wahlberg in "Max Payne"

Two Hollywood heartthrobs play it tough and funny in their latest movies

TAKE FIVE

## MARK WAHLBERG

## JAMES FRANCO



JAMES Franco in "Pineapple Express"